

**REMARKS**

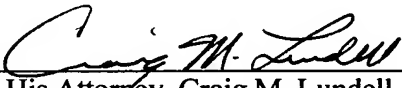
1. Claims 1, 14, 26, and 33 have been amended with the intention of improving the language of the claims. Claims 1, 12, 14, and 24 have also been amended to correct typographical errors.

**CONCLUSION**

Allowance of the claims of the present application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner would like to discuss this case with Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact Craig Lundell at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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